



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79110

Antonio Carlos Ferreira LINO, et al.

Allowed: January 24, 2008

Appln. No.: 10/584,752

Group Art Unit: 3723

Confirmation No.: 7735

Examiner: Randall E Chin

Filed: June 27, 2006

For: **STRUCTURED FOAM PIG**

COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ENTITY STATUS

ATTN: MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Notice of Allowance indicates that the Office has accorded this application Small Entity Status. The Office's indication is believed to be incorrect.

In reviewing the file for payment of the Issue Fee, counsel noted that the Notice of Acceptance mailed March 5, 2007 indicates that an "Indication of Small Entity Status" has been received. The Filing Receipt mailed March 5, 2007 also indicates " **SMALL ENTITY** ".

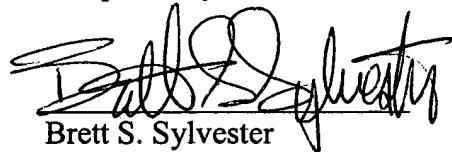
With due respect, it is not understood what these indications are based on. Counsel does not believe that Applicants filed an indication of entitlement to small entity status in this case. Further, the basic \$500.00 filing fee (\$300.00 base fee, \$100.00 search fee, and \$100.00 examination fee) paid with this National Stage entry of PCT/IB/2004/000719 on June 27, 2006 is believed to be the correct large entity fee as of that date.

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The Issue Fee (large entity) and Publication Fees are being paid concurrently. While Applicants indicate on the Issue Fee Transmittal that they are no longer claiming small entity status, it is not believed that they ever were.

Respectfully submitted,



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